After Quick Divorce, Marriage

Debbie Consents; Eddie, Liz Elated

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Debbie Reynolds says she would consent to a quickie divorce for ex-husband Eddie Fisher, and the jubilant singer immediately announced he would marry Elizabeth Taylor in Nevada within six weeks.

"Tremendous!" said Eddie when notified that Debbie had changed her mind and now would permit him to get a Nevada divorce.

"This is great," Fisher exclaimed at Miss Taylor's $500-a-week ranch near Las Vegas. "We are both happy and thrilled.

SIX WEEKS

"We will get married here in Nevada six weeks from last Sunday. We are delighted and grateful to Debbie."

Debbie said yesterday, "Yes, I will give my consent. But I find it difficult to be informed by reporters and asked questions that are very personal and mean a great deal," she made her remarks on deplaning here from a month in Europe.

"I can't make up my mind on the telephone," she told reporters.

SAID NO

Asked what she meant by that, she said, "Eddie called me before I left here a month ago and asked if I would give my consent. I said no. I couldn't make up my mind over the telephone."

Asked why she changed her mind, Debbie said "the position I've been put in, is the reason for my decision."

She added: "I just arrived and haven't thought much about it."

WON'T STAND IN WAY

"I don't believe in divorces, especially quick divorces. But I never stood in their way and never will.

"This all has caught me by surprise. My last statement on the subject is that I'm sure you are as thoroughly exhausted by this topic as I am. I wish Elizabeth and Eddie all the happiness. Any questions concerning them should be put directly to them, not me."

Just arrived from Europe, Debbie hugs son Todd Emanuel Fisher.

Sparrow Feathers Nest, May Become Jailbird

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Wanted: A thieving sparrow feathering a nest with a dollar bill.

The bill belonged to Deputy Sheriff Vern La More. He dropped it outside the sheriff's office Wednesday.

The sparrow swooped down, picked it up and flew away.

La More said he is waiting for a stool pigeon to tell him the sparrow's whereabouts.

'Goon' Edition

Apologies Flying In UBC Paper Row

VANCOUVER (CP) — The student council of the University of British Columbia apologized Thursday for a "sacrilegious and disgusting" edition of the student newspaper Ubyssey published last week.

The apology came from student council president Peter Meekison who applied the two adjectives to the paper's "goon" edition after seeing its picture satire of the Easter tradition.

The faculty council summoned 15 members of the student council and 12 members of the editorial board to appear before it today.

Published last Thursday, the edition carried three pictures with captions which aroused the ire of student leaders and professors.

The council in a special newsletter explained its action in suspending Ubyssey editor Al Forrest and the entire staff of 16.

Mr. Forrest, a 24-year-old student teacher who said earlier this week that "beatniks" were responsible for the objectionable edition, said he would not name the four persons involved because they might be expelled.

'CHRISTIAN CHOICE'

"I am only making a choice I feel any Christian—or any other man of honor—would make," he said. "It is four of them or one of me."

However, Mr. Meekison said he knows who the offenders are, and that they will be "fired for all time" from Ubyssey.

Mr. Meekison said the majority of Ubyssey's staff will be reinstated.

CLODS, FUDDY-DUDDIES

Bill Deverell, editor of The Sheaf at the University of Saskatchewan commented: "Student papers across the country have been attempting to recover from a temporary lapse into dullness and gutlessness. Reactionary clods on student councils . . . are setting back the cause by collaboration with fuddy-duddy administrations."

Farm Equipment Workers Sign Pact

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—Representatives of Cockshutt Farm Equipment Limited and Local 458, United Auto Workers of America, have agreed on a new contract less than half-an-hour before a strike deadline.

Probe On

Gold Plan Donations Taxable?

OTTAWA (CP) — The Ontario investigation into a Toronto clergyman's fund-raising has opened the question of whether donations involved were properly exempt from taxation as charitable offerings.

J. Gear McEntyre, deputy revenue minister for taxation, said Thursday he is watching developments before deciding whether the Freedom Foundation of Canada is in fact a charitable organization.

MINING SCHEME

Rev. Leslie Millin, former pastor of a Toronto Baptist Church, is reported to have raised at least $400,000 from Ontario and British Columbia Baptists for an unsuccessful B.C. gold mining scheme.

Mr. McEntyre said he presumed that donors to the Freedom Foundation of which Mr. Millin is director claimed federal tax exemptions on their gifts as donations to charity.

WOULDN'T APPLY

But if it was found that the foundation was using donations for business purposes and not for charity and religious needs, then those exemptions would not apply.

PIONEER MINE

The first copper mine started by white men in South Africa was opened in 1685.

Three Youths Held In Gang Stabbing

WINNIPEG (CP) — Police held three youths Thursday as the result of a stabbing during a gang fight at a community club dance for teenagers.

Donald LaBelle, 23, of St. Boniface, was reported in good condition in hospital with a knife wound in his chest.

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